

### **Abstract**

The present invention relates to prodrug compounds of inhibitors of dipeptidyl peptidase IV (DP IV), which prodrug compounds have the general formula A-B-C, wherein

A is an amino acid,

B is a chemical bond between A and C or is an amino acid,  
and

C is a stable inhibitor of DP IV.

Such prodrug compounds are used in the treatment of impaired glucose tolerance, glucosuria, hyperlipidaemia, metabolic acidoses, diabetes mellitus, diabetic neuropathy and nephropathy and of sequelae of diabetes mellitus in mammals.